CLAYTON PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING
Monday, November 3, 2008
The Center of Clayton - Multipurpose Room A

The following members were present:		Excused/Absent
Alex Berger	Dick Hyde	Judy Goodman
Ira Berkowitz	Robert Kerr	
Mimi Deem	Omri Praiss	
Rosemary Hardy	Eric Schneider	
Jessie Hoagland	Mark Winnings	

Also present:
Patty DeForrest, Director of Parks and Recreation

Approval of the Minutes

Ms. Hardy requested that 2 corrections be made to the minutes from the September 22 meeting. The Commission moved to approve the minutes as corrected. Corrections to the minutes were made on November 4.

Director's Report

- **Shaw Park Aquatic Center & Tennis Center End of Season Report -** The Aquatic and Tennis Center end of year reports will be discussed at the December 1 meeting.

- **Grant Update -** Ms. DeForrest stated that the Parks and Recreation Department did not proceed with applying for the Municipal Park Grant for Parkland Acquisition because the homeowners are not far enough along with selling their property. The woman who owns the home has not even put it on the market yet.

  We are continuing to work on the Land and Water grant for the Inclusion Playground. We are negotiating and reviewing various playground designs. Unlimited Play builds inclusion playgrounds and built the ones in O'Fallon and Lake St. Louis. They would help with our timeline and additional funding. We will have a design within the next 4 months. We would like to have a natural look and have a plan in place by March so we are ready for the install which will take place in 2010.

  Ms. DeForrest noted that it would be helpful to take a look at any of the Inclusion Playgrounds in St. Louis. The playgrounds located in this area are: Tiles, Forest Park, and there is a semi-inclusive playground at Glenridge.

- **Clayton Century Foundation -** The foundation is up and running and the board had their first meeting the last week of October. The foundation will do fundraising for quality of work for different organizations. They will also establish goals to help them allocate resources. As the foundation begins fundraising we will be able to pick up the pace on completing Master Plan projects. The Clayton Parks Foundation has been converted to the Clayton Century Foundation (CPF). Their goal is to fund larger park projects. Mr. Ken Goldman is President of the CPF. The other organizations that make up the Clayton Century Foundation are: Friends of Hanley House, Clayton Art Commission, Clayton History Society and Clayton Parks Foundation. A member of the foundation will present at an upcoming Parks & Recreation Commission meeting.

  Master Plan Update - Master Plan binders were distributed to the new members of the Commission. Ms. Ucinski will have additional binders to Ms. Deem, Mr. Berger, and Mr. Hyde at the December meeting.

There are large and small projects that the Parks and Recreation Department is working on that are tied to the Master Plan. The Trail Committee will host a Public Forum on Thursday, November 20.

CRSWC - Ongoing Projects and Partnerships:
- Men's Locker Room renovations
- Fitness Center improvements, including selectorized equipment replacement

Equipment maintenance in Parks is taking place, and the new Zamboni arrived in time for the Shaw Park Ice Rink to open.

The art piece, *Hercules and the Hydra* will not be coming to the City of Clayton because the cost ended up being double from what was originally planned. The Art Commission agreed with the decision.

Adding shade to various areas at the Shaw Park Aquatic Center was also discussed.

The Ruth Park driving range in University City opened and has been very busy. The 1st big promotion will take place in the Spring. The City of Clayton will also host golfing camps there in spring of 2009. Further, The Clayton High School girls have practiced at the golf course. It is a great asset to our community.

Old Business / New Business
Ms. DeForrest is working with the sign company to come up with a new sign design for Clayton Shaw Park.

Respectfully submitted by:

Denise Ucinski